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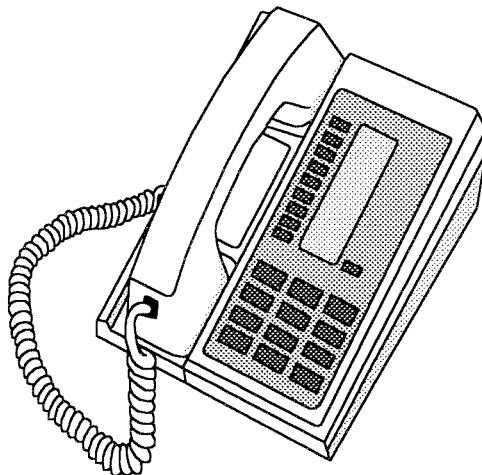
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# Ronan Telephone System

TELEPHONE UTILITY



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# Telephone Annual Report

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# Telephone Annual Report

## Instructions

### General

1. A Microsoft EXCEL 97 workbook of the annual report is being provided on computer disk for your convenience. The workbook contains the schedules of the annual report. Each schedule is on the worksheet named that schedule. For example, Schedule 1 is on the sheet titled "Schedule 1". By entering your company name in the cell named "Company" of the first worksheet, the spreadsheet will put your company name on all the worksheets in the workbook. The same is true for inputting the year of the report in the cell named "YEAR". You can "GOTO" the proper cell by using the F5 key and selecting the name of the cell.
2. The workbook contains input sections that are unprotected, and non-input sections that are protected. Cell protection can be disabled or enabled through "TOOLS – PROTECTION – UNPROTECT SHEET" on your toolbar. Formulas and checks are built into most of the templates.
3. Use of the disk is optional. The disk and the report cover shall be returned when the report is filed. There are macros built into the workbook to assist you with the report. An explanation of the macros is on the "Control" worksheet at the front of the workbook. The explanations start at cell A1.
4. All forms must be filled out in permanent ink and be legible. Note: Even if the computer disk is used, a printed version of the report shall be filed. The orientation and margins are set up on each individual worksheet and should print on one page. If you elect not to use the disk, please format your reports to fit on one 8.5" by 11" page with the left binding edge (top if landscaped) set at .85", the right edge (bottom if landscaped) set at .4", and the remaining two margins at .5". You may select specific schedules to print – See the worksheet "CONTROL".
5. Unless otherwise indicated, all information required in these schedules shall be from the accounts prescribed in 47 C.F.R. Part 32 and the definitions and instructions therein will apply to this report wherever applicable.
6. Information on financial schedules may be rounded to thousands of dollars for companies with over 5,000 access lines. Companies submitting schedules rounded to thousands should so indicate at the top of the schedule.
7. Where more space is needed or more than one schedule is needed additional schedules may be attached and should be included directly behind the original schedule to which it pertains and be labeled accordingly (for example, Schedule 1A).
8. The information required with respect to any statement shall be furnished as a minimum requirement to which shall be added such further information as is necessary to make the required schedules not misleading.

9. The following schedules should be filled out with information on a total company basis:

Schedules 1 - 4  
Schedule 10  
Schedules 13 - 17  
Schedule 19  
Schedule 20, Page 1 of 2  
Schedules 33 and 34

All other schedules should be filled out with Montana specific data. Financial schedules should include all amounts originating in Montana or allocated to Montana from other jurisdictions.

10. All companies owned by another company shall attach a corporate structure chart of the holding company.
11. The following schedules are not required to be filled out or submitted by companies with less than 5,000 access lines:
- Schedule 6  
Schedules 17 and 18  
Schedule 21
12. Schedules that have no activity during the year or are not applicable to the respondent should be marked as not applicable and submitted with the report.
13. Companies with under 5,000 lines may use summary accounts and should leave lines for subaccounts blank. Summary accounts are noted with an asterisk and subaccounts that are not required are noted with a caret.
14. Companies with over 5,000 lines must complete schedules to all required subaccount detail.
15. FCC Form M sheets may not be substituted in lieu of completing annual report schedules.
16. Common sense must be used when filling out all schedules.

### **Specific Instructions**

#### **Schedules 3 through 9**

1. **Schedules 3, 4, and 9** should include all notes to the financial statements required by the FCC or included in the financial statements issued as audited financial statements. These notes should be included in the report directly behind the schedules and should be labeled appropriately (Schedule 3A, etc.).
2. **Schedule 5** may be omitted for companies doing business only in Montana.
3. **Schedule 6** is not required for companies with under 5,000 lines.

4. **Schedule 7** must be completed by all companies. For companies under 5,000 lines, this schedule may be completed on a total state basis. Any such company completing the form on a total state basis shall indicate this fact clearly on the form.
5. **Schedule 8** - Companies with less than 5,000 lines are not required to fill out the intrastate portion. The regulated rate base must be separated from the deregulated rate base but this may be done on a total state basis. Any company so doing shall clearly indicate this on the form.
6. Only accounts designated on **Schedule 8** may be included in rate base. Only companies who have specifically been authorized in a Commission order to include cash working capital in rate base may fill out line 8 on Schedule 8. Cash working capital must be calculated using the methodology approved in the Commission order. The most recent Commission Order, and Docket, specifying cash working capital shall be noted on the schedule.
7. **Schedule 9** - Instructions to complete are similar to those used for the Statement of Cash Flows in the FCC Form M.

#### **Schedule 10**

1. For the purpose of this schedule, nonofficial companies shall include any company in which the respondent has an ownership interest which does not meet the definition of an affiliated company set out in 47 C.F.R. Section 32.9000. This schedule shall not include telecommunications accounts receivable from other customers.

#### **Schedule 11**

1. All amounts listed in Column f that represent individual items for which the higher of cost or market value was in excess of \$50,000 for companies with under 5,000 lines and in excess of \$100,000 for companies with over 5,000 lines must be fully explained in notes to this schedule. The explanation must include the plant description and location, the original cost, the net book cost, the market value, the value at which it was transferred or the price at which it was sold, and the party to which it was transferred or sold.

#### **Schedule 12**

1. Respondents shall list each item amounting individually to \$100,000 or more and report all others in the aggregate.
2. Amounts in Column f relating to individual items exceeding \$50,000 shall be fully explained.

#### **Schedule 15**

1. Line 1 must be completed by all companies for the most recent calendar year. The retention and price/earnings ratios shall be calculated on a year end basis. Enter the actual year end market price in the "Year Ended" row. If the computer disk is used, enter the year end market price in the "High" column.
2. Lines starting at 9 shall be completed for each of the twelve months of the report year for all companies with over 5,000 access lines. Earnings per share and dividends per share shall be reported on a quarterly basis and entries shall be made only to the months that end the respective quarters (for example, March, June, September, and December.)

**Schedule 19**

1. All companies are required to submit this form. Companies with more than one plan (for example, both a retirement plan and a deferred savings plan) shall complete a schedule for each plan.
2. Companies with defined benefit plans must complete the entire form using FASB 87 and 132 guidelines.
3. Interest rate percentages shall be listed to two decimal places.

**Schedule 20**

1. All changes to the employee benefit plans shall be explained in a narrative on lines 15 and 16. All cost containment measures implemented in the reporting year shall be explained and quantified in a narrative on lines 15 & 16. All assumptions used in quantifying cost containment results shall be disclosed.
2. The schedule shall be filled out using FASB 106 and 132 guidelines.

**Schedule 21**

1. Respondents shall disclose all payments made during the year where the aggregate payment to the recipient was \$25,000 or more. Payments must include fees, retainers, commissions, gifts, contributions, assessments, bonuses, subscriptions, allowances for expenses or any other form of payment for services or as a donation.

**Schedule 23**

1. Respondents shall provide an attached sheet detailing the type and corresponding number of access lines for all entries in Column L (Other).

**Schedule 24**

1. Column (b). For each wire center that has a configuration of "Remote", Column (b) shall also reflect the respective "Host".
2. Column (c). Examples of Types of Switches are: Digital, Step by Step, and Crossbar.

**Schedule 25**

1. This schedule must be completed by all companies for the year following the reporting year.

**Schedule 26**

1. Respondents shall either report construction technicians and splicers as separate categories or footnote the appropriate categories and indicate the number of (1) construction technicians; and (2) splicers.

#### **Schedule 27**

1. Include in column (d) ALL additional forms of compensation, including, but not limited to: deferred compensation, deferred savings plan, profit sharing, supplemental or non-qualified retirement plan, employee stock ownership plan, restricted stock, stock options, stock appreciation rights, performance share awards, dividend equivalent shares, mortgage payments, use of company cars or car lease payments, tax preparation consulting, financial consulting, home security systems, company-paid physicals, subscriptions to periodicals, memberships, association or club dues, tuition reimbursement, employee discounts, and spouse travel.
2. The above compensation items shall be listed separately. Where more space is needed additional schedules may be attached and shall be included directly behind the original schedule to which it pertains.
3. If respondent is claiming protected status of salary information both a proprietary and non-proprietary copy of this schedule shall be filed. On the non-proprietary copy respondent shall indicate which columns respondent maintains are proprietary. A note stating that such information is being provided separately shall be included on the schedule. In no case shall either Column (a) - Name/Position, or Column (g) - Percent Increase Total Compensation, be considered proprietary. Respondent shall provide all requested information on the proprietary copy.

#### **Schedule 28**

1. Respondents shall provide all executive compensation information in conformance with that required by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) (Regulation S-K Item 402, Executive Compensation).
2. Include in column (d) ALL additional forms of compensation, including, but not limited to: deferred compensation, deferred savings plan, profit sharing, supplemental or non-qualified retirement plan, employee stock ownership plan, restricted stock, stock options, stock appreciation rights, performance share awards, dividend equivalent shares, mortgage payments, use of company cars or car lease payments, tax preparation consulting, financial consulting, home security systems, company-paid physicals, subscriptions to periodicals, memberships, association or club dues, tuition reimbursement, employee discounts, and spouse travel.
3. All items included in Column (d) - Other Compensation shall be listed separately. Where more space is needed additional schedules may be attached and shall be included directly behind the original schedule.
4. In addition, respondents shall attach a copy of the executive compensation information provided to the SEC.

#### **Schedule 29**

1. Information from this schedule is consolidated with information from other Utilities and reported to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). Your assistance in completing this schedule, even though information may be located in other areas of the annual report, expedites reporting to the NARUC and is appreciated.



**Schedules 33 and 34**

1. Respondents shall report all transactions with affiliated companies.
2. Column (c). Respondents shall indicate in column (c) the method used to determine the price. Respondents shall indicate if a contract is in place between the Affiliate and the Utility. If a contract is in place, respondents shall indicate the year the contract was initiated, the term of the contract and the method used to determine the contract price.
3. Column (c). If the method used to determine the price is different than the previous year, respondents shall provide an explanation, including the reason for the change.

**Schedule 35**

1. Respondents shall provide an attached sheet detailing the account and the amount for all entries made to Lines 9 and 16.
2. Only companies who have specifically been authorized in a Commission Order to include cash working capital in rate base may include cash working capital in lines 9 or 16. Cash working capital must be calculated using the methodology approved in the Commission Order. The Commission Order specifying cash working capital shall be noted on the attached sheet.
3. Respondents shall indicate, for each adjustment on lines 30 through 42, if the amount is updated or if it is from the last rate case. All adjustments shall be calculated using Commission methodology.

**Schedule 36**

1. Respondents shall list the amount of tax accrued or paid for the fiscal year attributable to Montana sources for each of the listed taxes

**Schedule 37**

1. Respondents shall list the amount of Universal Service Funds received from Montana and from the federal government.

## General Information

Year: 1998

1. **Legal Name of Respondent:**  
Ronan Telephone Company, A Montana Corporation
2. **Name Under Which Respondent Does Business:**  
Ronan Telephone Company and RTC
3. **Date of Incorporation:**  
January 1, 1971
4. **Address to send Correspondence Concerning Report:** Ronan Telephone Company  
312 Main Street SW  
Ronan, MT 59864
5. **Person Responsible for This Report:**  
Jay Wilson Preston, President
- 5a. **Telephone Number:** (406) 676-2751

## Control Over Respondent

1. **If direct control over the respondent was held by another entity at the end of year provide the following:**
  - 1a. **Name and address of the controlling organization or person:**  
  
Not Applicable
  - 1b. **Means by which control was held:**
  - 1c. **Percent Ownership:**

Board of Directors		
Line No.	Name of Director and Address (City, State) (a)	Fees Paid During Year (b)
1	John D. French Ronan, MT	-0-
2	Cynthia M. Preston Charlo, MT	6,000
3	Dr. Elizabeth A. Preston Oakland, CA	6,000
4	Elizabeth C. Preston Ronan, MT	6,000
5	Jay W. Preston Ronan, MT	-0-
6	Jay Wilson Preston Ronan, MT	-0-
7	Judith G. Preston Missoula, MT	-0-
8	Robert F. Erickson Charlo, MT	-0-
9	Deborah Preston Missoula, MT	6,000
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18	<b>Chairman of the Board:</b>	
19	Jay W. Preston Ronan, MT	-0-
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## Officers

Year: 1998

Line No.	Title of Officer (a)	Department Over Which Jurisdiction is Exercised (b)	Name and Address of Person Holding Office at Year End (c)
1	Chairman of Board	Corporate Management	Jay W. Preston
2			Ronan, MT
3	President	General Management	Jay Wilson Preston
4			Charlo, MT
5	Vice President	Commercial	Judith G. Preston
6			Missoula, MT
7	Secretary	Legal	John D. French
8			Ronan, MT
9	Treasurer	Financial	Robert F. Erickson
10			Charlo, MT
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## Total Company Balance Sheet

Line No.	Acct. No. (a)	Description (b)	This Year (c)	Last Year (d)
1		<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
2	1120	Cash and Equivalents	328,844	(84,241)
3	1180	Telecommunications Accounts Receivable - Net	290,589	239,092
4	1190	Other Accounts Receivable - Net	525,595	323,102
5	1200	Notes Receivable - Net	-0-	-0-
6	1210	Interest and Dividends Receivable	-0-	-0-
7	1220	Materials and Supplies	20,644	19,606
8	* 1280	Prepayments	-0-	-0-
9	^ 1290	Prepaid Rents	-0-	-0-
10	^ 1300	Prepaid Taxes	-0-	-0-
11	^ 1310	Prepaid Insurance	-0-	-0-
12	^ 1320	Prepaid Directory Expenses	-0-	-0-
13	^ 1330	Other Prepayments	-0-	-0-
14	1350	Other Current Assets	27,167	27,167
15		<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>1,192,839</b>	<b>524,726</b>
16		<b>NONCURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
17	1401	Investments in Affiliated Companies	-0-	-0-
18	1402	Investments in Nonaffiliated Companies	-0-	-0-
19	1406	Nonregulated Investments	-0-	-0-
20	1407	Unamortized Debt Issuance Expense	-0-	-0-
21	1408	Sinking Funds	-0-	-0-
22	1410	Other Noncurrent Assets - Net Non-Regulated Assets	743,487	466,753
23	1438	Deferred Maintenance and Retirements	-0-	-0-
24	1439	Deferred Charges	-0-	-0-
25	1500	Other Jurisdictional Assets - Net	-0-	-0-
26		<b>Total Noncurrent Assets</b>	<b>743,487</b>	<b>466,753</b>
27		<b>PROPERTY, PLANT, &amp; EQUIPMENT:</b>		
28	2001	Telecommunications Plant in Service	7,283,313	6,941,362
29	2002	Property Held for Future Telecommunications Use	-0-	-0-
30	2003	Plant Under Construction - Short Term	-0-	-0-
31	2004	Plant Under Construction - Long Term	-0-	-0-
32	2005	Telecommunications Plant Adjustment	-0-	-0-
33	2006	Nonoperating Plant	-0-	-0-
34	2007	Goodwill	-0-	-0-
35	3100	Accumulated Depreciation	(3,520,367)	(3,156,928)
36	3200	Accumulated Depreciation - Held for Future Use	-0-	-0-
37	3300	Accumulated Depreciation - Nonoperating	-0-	-0-
38	3400	Accumulated Amortization	-0-	-0-
39		<b>Net Property, Plant, &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>3,762,946</b>	<b>3,784,434</b>
40		<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>5,699,272</b>	<b>4,775,913</b>

^ Subaccount of account marked with a \*.

## Total Company Balance Sheet

Line No.	Acct. No. (a)	Description (b)	This Year (c)	Last Year (d)
41		<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
42	4010	Accounts Payable	278,571	24,964
43	4020	Notes Payable	-0-	-0-
44	4030	Advance Billing and Payments	-0-	-0-
45	4040	Customer Deposits	23,374	16,800
46	4050	Current Maturities - Long Term Debt	-0-	-0-
47	4060	Current Maturities - Capital Leases	-0-	-0-
48	4070	Income Taxes - Accrued	27,048	7,154
49	4080	Other Taxes - Accrued	37,828	28,780
50	4100	Net Current Deferred Operating Income Taxes	-0-	-0-
51	4110	Net Current Deferred Nonoperating Income Taxes	-0-	-0-
52	4120	Other Accrued Liabilities	189,795	62,028
53	4130	Other Current Liabilities	-0-	-0-
54		<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>556,616</b>	<b>139,726</b>
55		<b>LONG-TERM DEBT:</b>		
56	4210	Funded Debt	-0-	-0-
57	4220	Premium on Long-Term Debt	-0-	-0-
58	4230	Discount on Long-Term Debt	-0-	-0-
59	4240	Reacquired Debt	-0-	-0-
60	4250	Obligations Under Capital leases	-0-	-0-
61	4260	Advances From Affiliated Companies	-0-	-0-
62	4270	Other Long-Term Debt	-0-	-0-
63		<b>Total Long-Term Debt</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>
64		<b>OTHER LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED CREDITS:</b>		
65	4310	Other Long-Term Liabilities	-0-	-0-
66	4320	Unamort. Oper. Invest. Tax Credits - Net	-0-	-0-
67	4330	Unamort. Nonoper. Invest. Tax Credits - Net	-0-	-0-
68	4340	Net Noncurrent Deferred Oper. Income Taxes	693,498	625,937
69	4350	Net Noncurrent Deferred Nonoper. Income Taxes	-0-	-0-
70	4360	Other Deferred Credits	77,298	58,027
71	4370	Other Jurisdictional Liab. and Def. Credits	-0-	-0-
72		<b>Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits</b>	<b>770,796</b>	<b>683,964</b>
73		<b>STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:</b>		
74	4510	Capital Stock	114,400	114,400
75	4520	Additional Paid-In Capital	-0-	-0-
76	4530	Treasury Stock	-0-	-0-
77	4540	Other Capital	-0-	-0-
78	4550	Retained Earnings	4,257,460	3,837,823
79		<b>Total Stockholders' Equity</b>	<b>4,371,860</b>	<b>3,952,223</b>
80		<b>TOTAL LIAB. AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>5,699,272</b>	<b>4,775,913</b>

## Total Company Income Statement

Year: 1998

Line No.	Acct. No. (a)	Description (b)	This Year (c)	Last Year (d)
1		<b>REVENUES:</b>		
2	5000	Basic Local Service Revenues	628,535	537,316
3	5080	Network Access Revenues	2,733,781	2,510,925
4	* 5100	Long Distance Message Revenue	-0-	-0-
5	^ 5110	Unidirectional Long Distance Revenue	-0-	-0-
6	^ 5120	Long Distance Private Network Revenue	-0-	-0-
7	^ 5160	Other Long Distance Revenue	-0-	-0-
8	^ 5169	Other Long Distance Revenue Settlements	-0-	-0-
9	* 5200	Miscellaneous Revenue	25,551	20,130
10	^ 5230	Directory Revenue	-0-	-0-
11	^ 5240	Rent Revenue	-0-	-0-
12	^ 5250	Corporate Operations Revenue	-0-	-0-
13	^ 5260	Miscellaneous Revenue	-0-	-0-
14	^ 5270	Carrier Billing and Collection Revenue	-0-	-0-
15	^ 5280	Nonregulated Revenue	-0-	-0-
16	5300	Uncollectible Revenue	(15,814)	(21,535)
17		<b>Total Revenues (L.2+L.3+L.4+L.9-L.16)</b>	<b>3,372,053</b>	<b>3,046,836</b>
18		<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>		
19	6110	Network Support Expense	-0-	-0-
20	6120	General Support Expense	327,118	272,764
21	6210	Central Office Switching Expense	165,179	167,211
22	6220	Operator Systems Expense	-0-	-0-
23	6230	Central Office Transmission Expense	68,617	1,848
24	6310	Information Origination/Termination Expense	248	1,819
25	* 6410	Cable and Wire Facilities Expense	245,933	260,769
26	^ 6431	Aerial Wire Expense	-0-	-0-
27	^ 6441	Conduit Systems Expense	-0-	-0-
28	6510	Other Property, Plant & Equipment Expense	-0-	-0-
29	6530	Network Operations Expense	115,843	106,422
30	6540	Access Expense	-0-	-0-
31	6560	Depreciation and Amortization Expense	420,244	391,162
32	6610	Marketing	14,622	14,971
33	6620	Services	451,726	391,366
34	6710	Executive and Planning	361,718	363,096
35	6720	General and Administrative	240,519	227,613
36	6790	Provision for Uncollectible Notes Receivable	-0-	-0-
37		<b>Total Operating Expenses (Sum L.19 to L.36-L.26-L.27)</b>	<b>2,411,767</b>	<b>2,199,041</b>
38	7100	Other Operating Income and Expense	-0-	-0-
39	7200	Operating Taxes	480,542	408,359
40		<b>Net Operating Income (L.17-L.37+L.38-L.39)</b>	<b>479,744</b>	<b>439,436</b>
41	7300	Nonoperating Income and Expense	-0-	-0-
42	7400	Nonoperating Taxes	-0-	-0-
43	7500	Interest and Related Items	-0-	(7,160)
44	7600	Extraordinary Items	-0-	-0-
45	7910	Effects of Juris. Ratemaking Diff. - Net	-0-	-0-
46	7990	Nonregulated Net <del>Income</del> (Loss)	(2,906)	(28,160)
47		<b>NET INCOME (L.40+L.41-L.42-L.43-L.44+L.45-L.46)</b>	<b>476,838</b>	<b>404,116</b>

^ Subaccount of the account marked with a \*.

## Montana Total State Income Statement

Year: 1998

Line No.	Acct. No. (a)	Description (b)	This Year (c)	Last Year (d)
1		<b>REVENUES:</b>		
2	5000	Basic Local Service Revenues		
3	5080	Network Access Revenues		
4	* 5100	Long Distance Message Revenue		
5	^ 5110	Unidirectional Long Distance Revenue		
6	^ 5120	Long Distance Private Network Revenue		
7	^ 5160	Other Long Distance Revenue		
8	^ 5169	Other Long Distance Revenue Settlements		
9	* 5200	Miscellaneous Revenue		
10	^ 5230	Directory Revenue		
11	^ 5240	Rent Revenue		
12	^ 5250	Corporate Operations Revenue		
13	^ 5260	Miscellaneous Revenue		
14	^ 5270	Carrier Billing and Collection Revenue		
15	^ 5280	Nonregulated Revenue		
16	5300	Uncollectible Revenue		
17		<b>Total Revenues (L.2+L.3+L.4+L.9-L.16)</b>		
18		<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>		
19	6110	Network Support Expense		
20	6120	General Support Expense		
21	6210	Central Office Switching Expense		
22	6220	Operator Systems Expense		
23	6230	Central Office Transmission Expense		
24	6310	Information Origination/Termination Expense		
25	* 6410	Cable and Wire Facilities Expense		
26	^ 6431	Aerial Wire Expense		
27	^ 6441	Conduit Systems Expense Not Required per Instructions		
28	6510	Other Property, Plant & Equipment Expense		
29	6530	Network Operations Expense		
30	6540	Access Expense		
31	6560	Depreciation and Amortization Expense		
32	6610	Marketing		
33	6620	Services		
34	6710	Executive and Planning		
35	6720	General and Administrative		
36	6790	Provision for Uncollectible Notes Receivable		
37		<b>Total Operating Expenses (Sum L.19 to L.36-L.26-L.27)</b>		
38	7100	Other Operating Income and Expense		
39	7200	Operating Taxes		
40		<b>Net Operating Income (L.17-L.37+L.38-L.39)</b>		

^ Subaccount of the account marked with a \*.

## Montana Intrastate Income Statement

Year: 1998

Line No.	Acct. No. (a)	Description (b)	This Year (c)	Last Year (d)
1		<b>REVENUES:</b>		
2	5000	Basic Local Service Revenues		
3	5080	Network Access Revenues		
4	* 5100	Long Distance Message Revenue		
5	^ 5110	Unidirectional Long Distance Revenue		
6	^ 5120	Long Distance Private Network Revenue		
7	^ 5160	Other Long Distance Revenue		
8	^ 5169	Other Long Distance Revenue Settlements		
9	* 5200	Miscellaneous Revenue		
10	^ 5230	Directory Revenue		
11	^ 5240	Rent Revenue		
12	^ 5250	Corporate Operations Revenue		
13	^ 5260	Miscellaneous Revenue		
14	^ 5270	Carrier Billing and Collection Revenue		
15	^ 5280	Nonregulated Revenue		
16	5300	Uncollectible Revenue		
17		<b>Total Revenues (L.2+L.3+L.4+L.9-L.16)</b>		
18		<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>		
19	6110	Network Support Expense		
20	6120	General Support Expense		
21	6210	Central Office Switching Expense		
22	6220	Operator Systems Expense		
23	6230	Central Office Transmission Expense		
24	6310	Information Origination/Termination Expense		
25	* 6410	Cable and Wire Facilities Expense		
26	^ 6431	Aerial Wire Expense	Not Required per Instructions	
27	^ 6441	Conduit Systems Expense		
28	6510	Other Property, Plant & Equipment Expense		
29	6530	Network Operations Expense		
30	6540	Access Expense		
31	6560	Depreciation and Amortization Expense		
32	6610	Marketing		
33	6620	Services		
34	6710	Executive and Planning		
35	6720	General and Administrative		
36	6790	Provision for Uncollectible Notes Receivable		
37		<b>Total Operating Expenses (Sum L.19 to L.36-L.26-L.27)</b>		
38	7100	Other Operating Income and Expense		
39	7200	Operating Taxes		
40		<b>Net Operating Income (L.17-L.37+L.38-L.39)</b>		

^ Subaccount of the account marked with a \*.



## Montana Intrastate Regulated Income Statement

Year: 1998

Line No.	Acct. No. (a)	Description (b)	This Year (c)	Last Year (d)
1		<b>REVENUES:</b>		
2	5000	Basic Local Service Revenues	628,535	537,316
3	5080	Network Access Revenues	2,733,781	2,510,925
4	* 5100	Long Distance Message Revenue	-0-	-0-
5	^ 5110	Unidirectional Long Distance Revenue	-0-	-0-
6	^ 5120	Long Distance Private Network Revenue	-0-	-0-
7	^ 5160	Other Long Distance Revenue	-0-	-0-
8	^ 5169	Other Long Distance Revenue Settlements	-0-	-0-
9	* 5200	Miscellaneous Revenue	25,551	20,130
10	^ 5230	Directory Revenue	-0-	-0-
11	^ 5240	Rent Revenue	-0-	-0-
12	^ 5250	Corporate Operations Revenue	-0-	-0-
13	^ 5260	Miscellaneous Revenue	-0-	-0-
14	^ 5270	Carrier Billing and Collection Revenue	-0-	-0-
15	^ 5280	Nonregulated Revenue	-0-	-0-
16	5300	Uncollectible Revenue	(15,814)	(21,535)
17		<b>Total Revenues (L.2+L.3+L.4+L.9-L.16)</b>	<b>3,372,053</b>	<b>3,046,836</b>
18		<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>		
19	6110	Network Support Expense	-0-	-0-
20	6120	General Support Expense	327,118	272,764
21	6210	Central Office Switching Expense	165,179	167,211
22	6220	Operator Systems Expense	-0-	-0-
23	6230	Central Office Transmission Expense	68,617	1,848
24	6310	Information Origination/Termination Expense	248	1,819
25	* 6410	Cable and Wire Facilities Expense	245,933	260,769
26	^ 6431	Aerial Wire Expense	-0-	-0-
27	^ 6441	Conduit Systems Expense	-0-	-0-
28	6510	Other Property, Plant & Equipment Expense	-0-	-0-
29	6530	Network Operations Expense	115,843	106,422
30	6540	Access Expense	-0-	-0-
31	6560	Depreciation and Amortization Expense	420,244	391,162
32	6610	Marketing	14,622	14,971
33	6620	Services	451,726	391,366
34	6710	Executive and Planning	361,718	363,096
35	6720	General and Administrative	240,519	227,613
36	6790	Provision for Uncollectible Notes Receivable	-0-	-0-
37		<b>Total Operating Expenses (Sum L.19 to L.36-L.26-L.27)</b>	<b>2,411,767</b>	<b>2,199,041</b>
38	7100	Other Operating Income and Expense	-0-	-0-
39	7200	Operating Taxes	480,542	408,359
40		<b>Net Operating Income (L.17-L.37+L.38-L.39)</b>	<b>479,744</b>	<b>439,436</b>

^ Subaccount of the account marked with a \*.

This schedule is prepared on "Total State Basis" as allowed in instructions.

## Average Rate Base - Total State

Year: 1998

Line No.	Acct. No. (a)	Description (b)	This Year (c)	Last Year (d)
1	2001	Telecommunications Plant in Service	7,283,313	6,941,362
2	3100	Accumulated Depreciation	(3,520,367)	(3,156,928)
3	2002	Property Held for Future Telecommunications Use	-0-	-0-
4	3200	Accumulated Depreciation - 2002	-0-	-0-
5	1220	Materials and Supplies	20,644	19,606
6	4340	Noncurrent Deferred Operating Income Taxes	(666,331)	(598,770)
7		Pre-1971 Unamortized Investment Tax Credits	-0-	-0-
8		Cash Working Capital (if allowed by Commission) (1)	168,917	155,224
9		<b>Total Average Rate Base (L.1-L.2+L.3-L.4+L.5-L.6-L.7+L.8)</b>	<b>3,286,176</b>	<b>3,360,494</b>

(1) As allowed in Commission Order No. 4715b, Docket No. 80.4.8.

## Average Rate Base - Intrastate

Line No.	Acct. No. (a)	Description (b)	This Year (c)	Last Year (d)
1	2001	Telecommunications Plant in Service	Not Required per specific instructions.	
2	3100	Accumulated Depreciation		
3	2002	Property Held for Future Telecommunications Use		
4	3200	Accumulated Depreciation - 2002		
5	1220	Materials and Supplies		
6	4340	Noncurrent Deferred Operating Income Taxes		
7		Pre-1971 Unamortized Investment Tax Credits		
8		Cash Working Capital (if allowed by Commission)		
9		<b>Total Average Rate Base (L.1-L.2+L.3-L.4+L.5-L.6-L.7+L.8)</b>		

## Average Rate Base - Regulated Intrastate

Line No.	Acct. No. (a)	Description (b)	This Year (c)	Last Year (d)
1	2001	Telecommunications Plant in Service	Not required per specific instructions.	
2	3100	Accumulated Depreciation		
3	2002	Property Held for Future Telecommunications Use		
4	3200	Accumulated Depreciation - 2002		
5	1220	Materials and Supplies		
6	4340	Noncurrent Deferred Operating Income Taxes		
7		Pre-1971 Unamortized Investment Tax Credits		
8		Cash Working Capital (if allowed by Commission)		
9		<b>Total Average Rate Base (L.1-L.2+L.3-L.4+L.5-L.6-L.7+L.8)</b>		

Ronan Telephone Company has less than 5,000 access lines and reports average rate base on a total state basis. Rate base in the schedule above includes only regulated rate base. Deregulated rate base has been separated and is not included in this schedule.

## Statement of Cash Flows

Year: 1998

Line No.	Item Description (a)	Amount (b)	Amount (c)
1	<b>Increase/(decrease) in Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents</b>		
2	<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</b>		
3	Net Income		476,837
4	Reconciliation Adjustments:		
5	Depreciation & Amortization	474,570	
6	Provision for Accounts Receivable Losses	84,062	
7	Deferred Income Taxes - Net		
8	Unamortized Investment Tax Credits (ITCs) - Net		
9	Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (AFUDC)		
10	Change in Operating Receivables - Net	(339,709)	
11	Change in Materials, Supplies & Inventories - Net	(15,921)	
12	Change in Operating Payables & Accrued Liabilities - Net	270,131	
13	Change in Other Assets & Deferred Credits - Net	1,871	
14	Change in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits - Net	45,830	
15	Other (explained on back of this page) (a)	(45,671)	
16	Total Adjustments		475,163
17	<b>Net Cash Provided by/(Used in) Operating Activities</b>		952,000
18	<b>Cash Inflows/Outflows From Investing Activities:</b>		
19	Construction/Acquisition of Property, Plant & Equipment (net of	(501,185)	
20	AFUDC & Capital Lease Related Acquisitions)		
21	Proceeds from Disposals of Property, Plant & Equipment	190,011	
22	Investments In & Advances to Affiliates	(192,000)	
23	Proceeds from Repayment of Advances		
24	Other Investing Activities (explained on back of this page)	(5,130)	
25	<b>Net Cash Provided by/(Used in) Investing Activities</b>		(508,304)
26	<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities:</b>		
27	Net Incr./(Decr.) in Short-Term Debt, Original maturity <= 3 mo.		
28	Advances from Affiliates		
29	Repayment of Advances from Affiliates		
30	Proceeds from Issuances of Long-Term Debt		
31	Repayment of Long-Term Debt		
32	Payment of Capital Lease Obligations		
33	Proceeds from Issuing Common Stock/Parent Co. Equity Investment		
34	Repurchase of Treasury Shares		
35	Dividends Paid	(57,200)	
36	Other Financing Activities (explained on back of this page)		
37	<b>Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities</b>		(57,200)
38	<b>Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash</b>		
39	<b>Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents</b>		386,496
40	<b>Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period</b>		68,396
41	<b>Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents at End of Period</b>		454,892

(a) Gain on sale of assets (149,223)  
Partnership loss 103,552

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## SCHEDULE 10

## Receivables and Investments-Affiliated &amp; Nonaffiliated Companies

Year: 1998

Line No.	Name of Affiliate or Company (a)	Account 1160 Temporary Investments (b)	Account 1180 Telecom. Accounts Receivable (c)	Account 1181 Accts. Rec. Telecom. Allowance (d)	Account 1190 Other Accounts Receivable (e)	Account 1191 Accounts Receivable Allow. - Other (f)	Account 1200 Notes Receivable (g)	Account 1201 Notes Receivable Allowance (h)	Account 1210 Interest and Dividends Receivable (i)	Account 1401 Investments in Affil. Companies (j)	Account 1402 Investments in Nonaffil. Companies (k)
1	Hot Springs										
2	Telephone	-0-	2,152	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
3	RTC Answering,										
4	LLC	-0-	6,578	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	134,799	-0-
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30	Totals	-0-	8,730	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	134,799	-0-

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## SCHEDULE 11

## Net Plant in Service - Detail

Year: 1998

Line No.	Account (a)	Description (b)	Beginning of Year Balance (c)	Additions (d)	Retirements (e)	Sales & Transfers (f)	End of Year Account 2001 Balance (g)	Year End Accumulated Depreciation (h)	End of Year Net Plant Balance (i)
1	* 2110	Land and Support Assets	1,258,179	75,986		61,433	1,272,732	710,938	561,794
2	^ 2111	Land							
3	^ 2112	Motor Vehicles							
4	^ 2113	Aircraft							
5	^ 2114	Special Purpose Vehicles							
6	^ 2115	Garage Work Equipment							
7	^ 2116	Other Work Equipment							
8	^ 2121	Buildings							
9	^ 2122	Furniture							
10	^ 2123	Office Equipment							
11	^ 2124	General Purpose Computers							
12	2211	Analog Electronic Switching	406,876	31,820			438,696	313,965	124,731
13	2212	Digital Electronic Switching	1,570,383	88,559			1,658,942	744,959	913,983
14	2215	Electro-Mechanical Switching							
15	2220	Operator Systems							
16	2231	Radio Systems							
17	2232	Circuit Equipment	538,338	5,554			543,892	492,435	51,457
18	* 2310	Information Orig & Term Equip	31,637	1,856			33,493	20,894	12,599
19	^ 2311	Station Apparatus							
20	^ 2321	Customer Premises Wiring							
21	^ 2341	Large Private Branch Exchanges							
22	^ 2351	Public Telephone Term. Equip.							
23	^ 2362	Other Terminal Equipment							
24	2411	Poles	119,850				119,850	105,561	14,289
25	* 2420	Cable and Wire Facilities	2,433,146	134,808			2,567,954	965,012	1,602,942
26	^ 2421	Aerial Cable							
27	^ 2422	Underground Cable							
28	^ 2423	Buried Cable							
29	^ 2424	Submarine Cable							
30	^ 2425	Deep Sea Cable							
31	^ 2426	Intrabuilding Network Cable							
32	2431	Aerial Wire	63,009				63,009	62,920	89
33	2441	Conduit Systems	519,944	64,802			584,746	103,683	481,063
34		Totals	6,941,362	403,385		61,433	7,283,314	3,520,367	3,762,947

^ Subaccount of the account marked with a \*

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## SCHEDULE 12

## Analysis of Plant Held for Future Use

Year:

1998

Line No.	Location and Description of Property (a)	Date Included in Account 2002 (b)	Book Cost of Property at Beginning of Year (c)	Additions During the Year (d)	Retirements During the Year (e)	Transfers and Adjustments Charges and (Credits) (f)	Book Cost of Property at End of Year (g)
1							
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10	NOT APPLICABLE - Ronan Telephone Company holds no plant for future use.						
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30	Totals (Sum L.1 to L.29)						

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SCHEDULE 13

Year: 1998

Average Cost of Long Term Debt

Line No.	Description (a)	Issue Date (b)	Maturity Date (c)	Principal Amount (d)	Gross Proceeds (e)	Net Proceeds (f)	Net Per \$100 (g)	Outstanding Per Balance Sheet (h)	Yield to Maturity (i)	Annual Net Cost (j)	Amortization of Premium or Discount (k)	Total Cost (%) (l)
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30	Total											

At year end there is no outstanding long-term debt.

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Ronan Telephone Company

SCHEDULE 14

Cost of Preferred Stock

Year: 1998

Line No.	Description (a)	Date of Issuance (b)	Method of Offering (c)	Call Redemption Price (d)	Par Value Of Issue (e)	Gross Proceeds Amounts (f)	Net Proceeds Amounts (g)	Net Proceeds Per \$100 (h)	Cost of Money (i)	Principal Outstanding (j)	Annual Cost (k)	Embedded Cost (l)
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30	Totals (Sum L.1 to L.29)											

NOT APPLICABLE - Ronan Telephone Company has no preferred stock.



Company Name: Ronan Telephone Company

SCHEDULE 15

Year: 1998

Analysis of Common Stock

Line No.	(a)	Avg. Number of Shares Outstanding (b)	Book Value (per share) (c)	Earnings (per share) (d)	Dividends (per share) (e)	Retention Ratio (f)	Market Price High (g) Low (h)	Price/Earnings Ratio (i)
1	Year Ended December 31:	1144	3821.56	416.82	50.00	88%	N/A-Not Publicly Traded.	
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8	Month by Month Data:							
9	January							
10	February							
11	March							
12	April							
13	May							
14	June							
15	July							
16	August							
17	September							
18	October							
19	November							
20	December							
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22								
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Monthly data not required per instructions.

**SCHEDULE 16**

**Company Name:** Ronan Telephone Company

**Year:** 1998

**Capital Stock and Funded Debt Reacquired or Retired During the Year**

Line No.	Description of Security (a)	Call or Retirement Date (b)	Number of Shares (c)	Principal Amount (d)	Reacquisition or Retirement Cost (e)	Gain or (Loss) (f)	Retirement or Reacquisition (g)
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18	NOT APPLICABLE - Ronan Telephone Company has no activity of this nature.						
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29							
30	<b>Totals (Sum L.1 to L.29)</b>						

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Ronan Telephone Company

## SCHEDULE 17

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Year: 1998

## Total Company Expense Matrix

Line No.	Acct. No. (a)	Description (b)	Salaries and Wages (c)	Benefits (d)	Rents (e)	Other Expenses (f)	Clearances (g)	Total (h)
1	*	Network Support Expense						
2	^	Motor Vehicle Expense						
3	^	Aircraft Expense						
4	^	Special Purpose Vehicles Expense						
5	^	Garage Work Equipment Expense						
6	^	Other Work Equipment Expense						
7	*	General Support Expense						
8	^	Land and Building Expense						
9	^	Furniture and Artworks Expense						
10	^	Office Equipment Expense						
11	^	General Purpose Computers Expense						
12	*	Central Office Switching Expense						
13	^	Analog Electronic Expense						
14	^	Digital Electronic Expense						
15	^	Electro-Mechanical Expense						
16		Operator Systems Expense						
17	*	Central Office Transmission Expense						
18	^	Radio Systems Expense						
19	^	Circuit Equipment Expense						
20	*	Information Origination/Termination Expense						
21	^	Station Apparatus Expense						
22	^	Large Private Branch Exchange Expense						
23	^	Public Telephone Terminal Equipment Exp.						
24	^	Other Terminal Equipment Expense						
25	*	Cable and Wire Facilities Expense						
26	^	Poles Expense						
27	^	Aerial Cable Expense						
28	^	Underground Cable Expense						
29	^	Buried Cable Expense						
30	^	Submarine Cable Expense						
31	^	Deep Sea Cable Expense						
32	^	Intrabuilding Network Cable Expense						
33	^	Aerial Wire Expense						
34		Subtotals						

^ Subaccount of the account marked with a \*

Company Name: Ronan Telephone Company

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Year: 1998

**Total Company Expense Matrix**

Line No.	Acct. No. (a)	Description (b)	Salaries and Wages (c)	Benefits (d)	Rents (e)	Other Expenses (f)	Clearances (g)	Total (h)
35	^	Conduit Systems Expense						
36		Other Property Expenses						
37	*	Network Operations Expense						
38	^	Power Expense						
39	^	Network Administration Expense						
40	^	Testing Expense						
41	^	Plant Operations Expense						
42	^	Engineering Expense						
43		Access Expense						
44		Depreciation - Telecomm. Plant in Service						
45		Depreciation-Prop. for Future Telecom. Use						
46		Amortization Expense - Tangible						
47		Amortization Expense - Intangible						
48		Amortization - Other						
49	*	Marketing						
50	^	Product Management						
51	^	Sales						
52	^	Product Advertising						
53		Call Completion Services						
54		Number Services						
55		Customer Services						
56		Executive						
57		Planning						
58		Accounting and Finance						
59		External Relations						
60		Human Relations						
61		Information Management						
62		Legal						
63		Procurement						
64		Research and Development						
65		Other General and Administrative						
66		Provision for Uncollectible Notes Receivable						
67		<b>Totals</b>						

^ Subaccount of the account marked with a \*

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Year: 1998

## Total State Expense Matrix

Line No.	Acct. No. (a)	Description (b)	Salaries and Wages (c)	Benefits (d)	Rents (e)	Other Expenses (f)	Clearances (g)	Total (h)
1	*	Network Support Expense						
2	^	Motor Vehicle Expense						
3	^	Aircraft Expense						
4	^	Special Purpose Vehicles Expense						
5	^	Garage Work Equipment Expense						
6	^	Other Work Equipment Expense						
7	*	General Support Expense						
8	^	Land and Building Expense						
9	^	Furniture and Artworks Expense						
10	^	Office Equipment Expense						
11	^	General Purpose Computers Expense						
12	*	Central Office Switching Expense						
13	^	Analog Electronic Expense						
14	^	Digital Electronic Expense						
15	^	Electro-Mechanical Expense						
16		Operator Systems Expense						
17	*	Central Office Transmission Expense						
18	^	Radio Systems Expense						
19	^	Circuit Equipment Expense						
20	*	Information Origination/Termination Expense						
21	^	Station Apparatus Expense						
22	^	Large Private Branch Exchange Expense						
23	^	Public Telephone Terminal Equipment Exp.						
24	^	Other Terminal Equipment Expense						
25	*	Cable and Wire Facilities Expense						
26	^	Poles Expense						
27	^	Aerial Cable Expense						
28	^	Underground Cable Expense						
29	^	Buried Cable Expense						
30	^	Submarine Cable Expense						
31	^	Deep Sea Cable Expense						
32	^	Intrabuilding Network Cable Expense						
33	^	Aerial Wire Expense						
34		Subtotals						

^ Subaccount of the account marked with a \*

Company Name: Ronan Telephone Company

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Year: 1998

## Total State Expense Matrix

Line No.	Acct. No. (a)	Description (b)	Salaries and Wages (c)	Benefits (d)	Rents (e)	Other Expenses (f)	Clearances (g)	Total (h)
35	^	Conduit Systems Expense						
36		Other Property Expenses						
37	*	Network Operations Expense						
38	^	Power Expense						
39	^	Network Administration Expense						
40	^	Testing Expense						
41	^	Plant Operations Expense						
42	^	Engineering Expense						
43		Access Expense						
44		Depreciation - Telecomm. Plant in Service						
45		Depreciation-Prop. for Future Telecom. Use						
46		Amortization Expense - Tangible						
47		Amortization Expense - Intangible						
48		Amortization - Other						
49	*	Marketing						
50	^	Product Management						
51	^	Sales						
52	^	Product Advertising						
53		Call Completion Services						
54		Number Services						
55		Customer Services						
56		Executive						
57		Planning						
58		Accounting and Finance						
59		External Relations						
60		Human Relations						
61		Information Management						
62		Legal						
63		Procurement						
64		Research and Development						
65		Other General and Administrative						
66		Provision for Uncollectible Notes Receivable						
67		Totals						

^ Subaccount of the account marked with a \*.

## Pension Costs

Year: 1998

1	Plan Name	Ronan Telephone Company Profit Sharing Plan		
2	Defined Benefit Plan?	Defined Contribution Plan? <u>x</u>		
3	Actuarial Cost Method? <u>N/A</u>	IRS Code: <u>414j</u>		
4	Annual Contribution by Employer: _____	Is the Plan Over Funded? <u>no</u>		
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	Item	Current Year	Last Year	% Change
6	<b>Change in Benefit Obligation</b>			
7	Benefit obligation at beginning of year			
8	Service cost			
9	Interest Cost			
10	Plan participants' contributions			
11	Amendments			
12	Actuarial Gain			
13	Acquisition			
14	Benefits paid			
15	Benefit obligation at end of year			
16	<b>Change in Plan Assets</b>			
17	Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year			
18	Actual return on plan assets			
19	Acquisition			
20	Employer contribution			
21	Plan participants' contributions			
22	Benefits paid			
23	Fair value of plan assets at end of year			
24	<b>Funded Status</b>			
25	Unrecognized net actuarial loss			
26	Unrecognized prior service cost			
27	Prepaid (accrued) benefit cost			
28				
29	<b>Weighted-average Assumptions as of Year End</b>			
30	Discount rate			
31	Expected return on plan assets			
32	Rate of compensation increase			
33				
34	<b>Components of Net Periodic Benefit Costs</b>			
35	Service cost			
36	Interest cost			
37	Expected return on plan assets			
38	Amortization of prior service cost			
39	Recognized net actuarial loss			
40	Net periodic benefit cost			
41				
42	<b>Montana Intrastate Costs:</b>			
43	Pension Costs	161,912	159,081	
44	Pension Costs Capitalized	-0-	-0-	
45	Accumulated Pension Asset (Liability) at Year End	-0-	-0-	
46	<b>Number of Company Employees:</b>			
47	Covered by the Plan	26	27	
48	Not Covered by the Plan	7	5	
49	Active	26	27	
50	Retired	-0-	-0-	
51	Deferred Vested Terminated	-0-	-0-	

**Pension Costs**

Year: 1998

1	Plan Name	Ronan Telephone Company Pension Plan		
2	Defined Benefit Plan? <u>      x      </u>	Defined Contribution Plan? <u>                    </u>		
3	Actuarial Cost Method? <u>Modified Aggregate</u>	IRS Code: <u>414J</u>		
4	Annual Contribution by Employer: <u>      -0-      </u>	Is the Plan Over Funded? <u>no</u>		
5				
	<b>Item</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>	<b>% Change</b>
6	<b>Change in Benefit Obligation</b>			
7	Benefit obligation at beginning of year	FYE	FYE	
8	Service cost	3/31/98	3/31/97	
9	Interest Cost			
10	Plan participants' contributions			
11	Amendments			
12	Actuarial Gain			
13	Acquisition			
14	Benefits paid			
15	Benefit obligation at end of year			
16	<b>Change in Plan Assets</b>			
17	Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year			
18	Actual return on plan assets			
19	Acquisition			
20	Employer contribution			
21	Plan participants' contributions			
22	Benefits paid			
23	Fair value of plan assets at end of year	803,452	702,337	
24	<b>Funded Status</b>			
25	Unrecognized net actuarial loss			
26	Unrecognized prior service cost			
27	Prepaid (accrued) benefit cost			
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29	<b>Weighted-average Assumptions as of Year End</b>			
30	Discount rate			
31	Expected return on plan assets			
32	Rate of compensation increase			
33				
34	<b>Components of Net Periodic Benefit Costs</b>			
35	Service cost			
36	Interest cost			
37	Expected return on plan assets			
38	Amortization of prior service cost			
39	Recognized net actuarial loss			
40	Net periodic benefit cost			
41				
42	<b>Montana Intrastate Costs:</b>			
43	Pension Costs			
44	Pension Costs Capitalized			
45	Accumulated Pension Asset (Liability) at Year End			
46	<b>Number of Company Employees:</b>			
47	Covered by the Plan	26	28	
48	Not Covered by the Plan	5	4	
49	Active	24	26	
50	Retired	2	2	
51	Deferred Vested Terminated	1	1	



ACTUARIAL VALUATION FOR  
RONAN TELEPHONE CO., INC.  
PENSION PLAN  
FOR THE PLAN YEAR 04/01/98 THROUGH 03/31/99

A. VALUATION AS OF 04/01/98	---412---	---404---
1. PRESENT VALUE OF BENEFITS.....	\$1,395,499.28	\$1,395,499.28
A. ACTIVE.....	\$1,241,156.28	\$1,241,156.28
B. RETIRED / LATE (POSTPONED) RETIREES.....	\$128,684.00	\$128,684.00
C. DEFERRED VESTED / VESTED TERMINEES.....	\$25,659.00	\$25,659.00
2. ASSETS		
A. REPORTED ASSETS.....	\$803,452.00	\$803,451.94
B. OBRA 87 OUTSTANDING BALANCE.....	\$226,531.01	N/A
C. VALUATION ASSETS..... (A + B).....	\$1,029,983.01	\$803,451.94
3. CREDIT BALANCE (FUNDING DEFICIENCY).....	\$39,187.04	N/A
4. PRESENT VALUE OF FUTURE NORMAL COST..... (1 - (2 - 3)).....	\$404,703.31	\$592,047.34
5. PRESENT VALUE OF FUTURE TABULAR NORMAL COST.....	\$589,137.00	\$589,137.00
6. TABULAR NORMAL COST.....	\$45,775.00	\$45,775.00
7. WEIGHTED AVERAGE TEMPORARY ANNUITY..... (5 / 6).....	12.8703	12.8703
8. NORMAL COST..... (4 / 7).....	\$31,445.00	\$46,001.00
9. INSURANCE COST.....	\$28,790.58	\$28,790.58
10. TOTAL NORMAL COST..... (8 + 9).....	\$60,235.58	\$74,791.58

THE NORMAL COST AMOUNTS SHOWN ARE BASED UPON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE CONTRIBUTION WILL BE MADE ON 04-01-98. IF THE CONTRIBUTION IS NOT, IN FACT MADE ON 04-01-98, THE CONTRIBUTION SHOULD BE INCREASED BY AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 7.000 PERCENT ANNUAL INTEREST FROM 04-01-98 UNTIL THE DATE THE CONTRIBUTION IS ACTUALLY MADE.

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ACTUARIAL VALUATION FOR  
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B. FULL FUNDING LIMITATION

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1. A. ENTRY AGE ACCRUED LIABILITY.....	\$834,927.00	\$834,927.00
B. ENTRY AGE NORMAL COST.....	\$44,031.00	\$44,031.00
C. NET PREMIUMS.....	\$28,790.58	\$28,790.58
D. TOTAL.....	\$907,748.58	\$907,748.58
2. ASSETS.....	\$803,452.00	\$803,452.00
3. CREDIT BALANCE.....	\$39,187.04	N/A
4. NET ASSETS....(2-3).....	\$764,264.96	\$803,452.00
5. INTEREST ON (1D-4) TO END OF YEAR. (NET OF INSURANCE PREMIUMS).....	\$8,028.52	\$5,285.42
6. FULL FUNDING LIMITATION 1 (NOT LESS THAN ZERO)... (1D-4+5).....	\$151,512.14	\$109,582.00

OBRA '87 FULL FUNDING LIMITATION

7. A. OBRA '87 CURRENT LIABILITY AS OF 04/01/98.....	\$609,850.00	\$609,850.00
B. EXPECTED CURRENT LIABILITY INCREASE .....	\$47,879.00	\$47,879.00
C. INTEREST ON 7A AND 7B .....	\$44,397.00	\$44,397.00
D. EXPECTED BENEFIT PAYMENTS .....	\$0.00	\$0.00
E. 1.5 * (7A + 7B + 7C - 7D) .....	\$1,053,189.00	\$1,053,189.00
8. A. NET ASSETS. (ITEM 4) .. (INC. NON-UL CV'S OF \$161,969.29).....	\$926,234.25	\$965,421.29
B. INTEREST TO END OF YEAR.....	\$64,836.45	\$67,579.54
9. EXPECTED BENEFIT PAYMENTS .....	\$0.00	\$0.00
10. FULL FUNDING LIMITATION 2 (NOT LESS THAN ZERO) (7E - 8A - 8B + 9) .....	\$62,118.30	\$20,188.17
11. FULL FUNDING LIMITATION..... (LESSER OF 6 AND 10).....	\$62,118.30	\$20,188.17

RPA '94 MINIMUM FULL FUNDING LIMITATION

12. A. RPA '94 CURRENT LIABILITY AS OF 04/01/98.....	\$642,432.00	\$642,432.00
B. EXPECTED CURRENT LIABILITY INCREASE.....	\$49,107.00	\$49,107.00
C. INTEREST ON 12A AND 12B.....	\$46,679.00	\$46,679.00
D. EXPECTED BENEFIT PAYMENTS.....	\$0.00	\$0.00
E. .90 * (12A + 12B + 12C - 12D).....	\$664,396.00	\$664,396.00
13. A. ASSETS. (INC. NON-UL CV'S OF \$161,969.29).....	\$965,421.29	\$965,421.29
B. INTEREST TO END OF YEAR.....	\$67,579.54	\$67,579.54
C. EXPECTED BENEFIT PAYMENTS.....	\$0.00	\$0.00
14. 412(c) (7) (E) FULL FUNDING LIMIT AMOUNT ITEMS 12E- (13A+13B-13C) .....	\$0.00	\$0.00
15. FULL FUNDING LIMITATION..... (GREATER OF 11 AND 14).....	\$62,118.30	\$20,188.17

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C. ACCUMULATED FUNDING DEFICIENCY

1. PRIOR YEAR FUNDING DEFICIENCY.....	\$0.00
2. VALUATION NORMAL COST INCLUDING PREMIUMS.....	\$60,235.58
3. AMORTIZATION CHARGES..... (INCLUDES OBRA 87 FFL CREDIT).....	\$35,776.00
4. INTEREST.....	\$4,705.47
5. ADDITIONAL FUNDING CHARGE.....	\$0.00
6. TOTAL CHARGES..... (1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5).....	\$100,717.05
7. AMORTIZATION CREDITS.....	\$0.00
8. INTEREST.....	\$0.00
9. TOTAL CREDITS..... (7 + 8).....	\$0.00
10. DEFICIENCY..... (IGNORING CREDIT BALANCE AND CONTRIBUTION FOR LAST YEAR)..... (6 - 9).....	\$100,717.05
11. FULL FUNDING LIMITATION CREDIT	
(i) FFL CREDIT BEFORE REFLECTING 150% OF CURRENT LIABILITY COMPONENT... (C10 - B6).....	\$0.00
(ii) ADDITIONAL CREDIT DUE TO 150% OF CURRENT LIABILITY COMPONENT... (C10 - B10).....	\$38,598.75
(iii) TOTAL.....	\$38,598.75

D. AMORTIZATION OF OBRA 87 FULL FUNDING LIMITATION CREDIT

YEAR	BEGINNING BALANCE	AMORTIZATION AMOUNT	INTEREST	ENDING BALANCE
1992	7,584.33	2,093.00	384.00	5,875.33
1991	3,050.75	1,086.00	138.00	2,102.75
1993	10,423.39	2,376.00	563.00	8,610.39
1994	8,933.15	1,752.00	503.00	7,684.15
1995	17,256.50	2,993.00	998.00	15,261.50
1996	32,997.61	5,165.00	1,948.00	29,780.61
1997	81,416.23	11,679.00	4,882.00	74,619.23
1998	64,869.05	8,632.00	3,937.00	60,174.05
TOTAL	226,531.01	35,776.00	13,353.00	204,108.01

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E. REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
1. NORMAL COST INCLUDING PREMIUMS.....	\$60,235.58	\$74,791.58
2. AMORTIZATION CHARGES..... (INCLUDES OBRA 87 FFL CREDIT).....	\$35,776.00	N/A
3. PRIOR YEAR FUNDING DEFICIENCY.....	\$0.00	N/A
4. INTEREST.....	\$4,705.47	\$3,220.07
5. ADDITIONAL FUNDING CHARGE.....	\$0.00	N/A
6. TOTAL CHARGES..... (1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5).....	\$100,717.05	\$78,011.65
7. PRIOR YEAR CREDIT BALANCE.....	\$39,187.04	N/A
8. AMORTIZATION CREDITS.....	\$0.00	N/A
9. INTEREST.....	\$2,743.09	N/A
10. MISCELLANEOUS CREDITS		
(i) FFL CREDIT BEFORE REFLECTING 150% OF CUR LIAB COMPONENT.....	\$0.00	\$0.00
(ii) ADDITIONAL CREDIT DUE TO 150% OF CUR LIAB COMPONENT.....	\$38,598.75	\$57,823.48
(iii) TOTAL.....	\$38,598.75	\$57,823.48
11. TOTAL CREDITS..... (7 + 8 + 9 + 10).....	\$80,528.88	\$57,823.48
12. REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION..... (6 - 11).....	\$20,188.17	\$20,188.17
13. CREDIT BALANCE ASSUMING NO CONTRIBUTION..... (11 - 6).....	\$0.00	N/A

\* Minimum contribution to avoid a funding deficiency may vary with interest on late quarterly contributions, if applicable.

## Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEBS)

	Item	Current Year	Last Year	% Change
1	<b>Regulatory Treatment:</b>			
2	Commission authorized - most recent			
3	Docket number: _____			
4	Order number: _____			
5	Amount recovered through rates			
6	<b>Weighted-average Assumptions as of Year End</b>			
7	Discount rate			
8	Expected return on plan assets			
9	Medical Cost Inflation Rate			
10	Actuarial Cost Method			
11	Rate of compensation increase			
12	<b>List each method used to fund OPEBs (ie: VEBA, 401(h)) and if tax advantaged:</b>			
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15	<b>Describe any Changes to the Benefit Plan:</b>			
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17	<b>TOTAL COMPANY</b>			
18	<b>Change in Benefit Obligation</b>			
19	Benefit obligation at beginning of year			
20	Service cost			
21	Interest Cost			
22	Plan participants' contributions			
23	Amendments			
24	Actuarial Gain	Not Applicable - Ronan Telephone Company has no post		
25	Acquisition	employment benefits.		
26	Benefits paid			
27	Benefit obligation at end of year			
28	<b>Change in Plan Assets</b>			
29	Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year			
30	Actual return on plan assets			
31	Acquisition			
32	Employer contribution			
33	Plan participants' contributions			
34	Benefits paid			
35	Fair value of plan assets at end of year			
36	<b>Funded Status</b>			
37	Unrecognized net actuarial loss			
38	Unrecognized prior service cost			
39	Prepaid (accrued) benefit cost			
40	<b>Components of Net Periodic Benefit Costs</b>			
41	Service cost			
42	Interest cost			
43	Expected return on plan assets			
44	Amortization of prior service cost			
45	Recognized net actuarial loss			
46	Net periodic benefit cost			
47	<b>Accumulated Post Retirement Benefit Obligation</b>			
48	Amount Funded through VEBA			
49	Amount Funded through 401(h)			
50	Amount Funded through Other _____			
51	TOTAL			
52	Amount that was tax deductible - VEBA			
53	Amount that was tax deductible - 401(h)			
54	Amount that was tax deductible - Other _____			
55	TOTAL			

**Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEBS) Continued**

	Item	Current Year	Last Year	% Change
1	<b>Number of Company Employees:</b>			
2	Covered by the Plan			
3	Not Covered by the Plan			
4	Active			
5	Retired			
6	Spouses/Dependants covered by the Plan			
7	<b>Montana</b>			
8	<b>Change in Benefit Obligation</b>			
9	Benefit obligation at beginning of year			
10	Service cost			
11	Interest Cost			
12	Plan participants' contributions			
13	Amendments			
14	Actuarial Gain			
15	Acquisition			
16	Benefits paid			
17	Benefit obligation at end of year			
18	<b>Change in Plan Assets</b>			
19	Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year			
20	Actual return on plan assets			
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24	Benefits paid			
25	Fair value of plan assets at end of year			
26	<b>Funded Status</b>			
27	Unrecognized net actuarial loss			
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30	<b>Components of Net Periodic Benefit Costs</b>			
31	Service cost			
32	Interest cost			
33	Expected return on plan assets			
34	Amortization of prior service cost			
35	Recognized net actuarial loss			
36	Net periodic benefit cost			
37	<b>Accumulated Post Retirement Benefit Obligation</b>			
38	Amount Funded through VEBA			
39	Amount Funded through 401(h)			
40	Amount Funded through other _____			
41	TOTAL			
42	Amount that was tax deductible - VEBA			
43	Amount that was tax deductible - 401(h)			
44	Amount that was tax deductible - Other			
45	TOTAL			
46	<b>Montana Intrastate Costs:</b>			
47	Pension Costs			
48	Pension Costs Capitalized			
49	Accumulated Pension Asset (Liability) at Year End			
50	<b>Number of Montana Employees:</b>			
51	Covered by the Plan			
52	Not Covered by the Plan			
53	Active			
54	Retired			
55	Spouses/Dependants covered by the Plan			

Not Applicable - Ronan Telephone Company has no post employment benefits.

## Payments for Services to Persons Other Than Employees

Line No.	Name of Recipient (a)	Nature of Service (b)	Total Company Cost (c)	Total State Cost (d)	Intrastate Cost (e)
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49	Total				

## Subscriber Line Usage Data

Year: 1998

Line No.	Description (a)	This Year (b)	% of Total (c)	Last Year (d)	% of Total (e)
1	Toll Usage:				
2	Interstate, InterLATA	11,434,640	17.1%	12,430,271	20.2%
3	Interstate, IntraLATA	-0--		-0-	
4	<b>Total Interstate Usage</b>	11,434,640	17.1%	12,430,271	20.2%
5	Intrastate, InterLATA	5,475,386	8.2%	2,275,886	3.7%
6	Intrastate, IntraLATA	9,832,038	14.7%	12,966,101	21.1%
7	<b>Total Intrastate Usage</b>	15,307,424	22.9%	15,241,987	24.8%
8	<b>Total Toll Usage</b>	26,742,064	40%	27,672,258	45%
9	Centrex	-0-		-0-	
10	Local	40,050,000*	60%	33,821,648*	55%
11	<b>Total Minutes</b>	66,792,064	100%	61,493,906	100%

\*Estimated



Company Name: Ronan Telephone Company

**Central Office and Access Line Statistics**

Year: 1998

Line No.	Wire Center (a)	Type of Office (b)	Residential (c)	ISDN (d)	ADSL (e)	Lifeline Customers (f)	Residential LMS Customers (g)	Single Line Business (h)	Multi-Line Business (i)	Customer Owned Coin (j)	Company Owned Coin (k)	Other (l)	% of Lines w/ T. Tone (m)	Total Access Lines (n)
1	Pablo (675)	Digital	785	0	0	37	0	57	227	5	14	0	100%	1088
2	Ronan (676)	Digital	1663	0	0	69	0	122	615	12	32	0	100%	2444
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33	<b>Total</b>		2448	0	0	106	0	179	842	17	46	0	100%	3532

NOTE: Additional blank schedules are being provided for your convenience.

## Central Office and Switch Information

Line No.	Wire Center (a)	Office Configuration (Host, Remote, Stand alone) (b)	Type of Switch (c)	Switch Vendor/ Manufacturer (d)	Switch Model No. (e)	Switch Line Capacity (f)	Year Deployed (g)
1	676 Ronan	Host/Tandem	Digital	Siemens	DCO-E	2,970	1991
2	675 Pablo	Remote	Digital	(1)Siemens	DCO-RLS	1,080	1995
3	676 Round Butte East	Remote	Digital	(1)Siemens	DCO-RLG	90	1993
4	676 Round Butte West	Remote	Digital	(1)Siemens	DCO-RLG	180	1993
5	676/675 North Crow	Remote	Digital	(1)Siemens	DCO-RLS	360	1994
6	676 Timberlane	Remote	Digital	(1)Siemens	DCO-RLS	270	1995
7	675/676 Pablo West	Remote	Digital	(1)Siemens	DCO-RLG	180	1996
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## Construction Budget - Montana

Year: 1998

Line No.	Description (a)	(b)
1	<b>Central Office Assets:</b>	
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27	Total Switching and Central Office Projects over \$500,000	-0-
28	Miscellaneous Central Office Projects not over \$500,000	250,000
29	<b>Total Central Office Budget (Total of Line 27 &amp; Line 28)</b>	250,000
30	<b>Other Projects over \$500,000:</b>	
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41	Total Other Projects over \$500,000	-0-
42	Miscellaneous projects not over \$500,000	305,000
43	<b>Total Construction Budget (Total of Lines 29, 41 &amp; 42)</b>	555,000

## Montana Employee Counts

Year: 1998

Line No.	Category (a)	Beginning of Year (b)	End of Year (c)
1	General Management	3	3
2	Finance & Accounting	2	2
3	Central Office	2	2
4	Data Processing	4	4
5	Outside-Plant-General	3	3
6	Outside Plant-Splicers	1	1
7	Outside Plant-Construction Technicians	4	4
8	Commercial Representatives	7	7
9	Janitorial	1	1
10	Sales	2	2
11	Engineering-Drafting	1	2
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43	Totals (Sum of Lines 1 through 42)	30	31

## Compensation of Top 10 Montana Based Employees

Year: 1998

Line No.	Name/Title (a)	Base Salary (b)	Bonuses (c)	Other Compensation (d)	Total Compensation (e)	Total Compensation Last Year (f)	% Increase Total Compensation (g)
1	Jay Wilson Preston President/General Manager						3%
2	Jay W. Preston Chairman of the Board						2%
3	Judith G. Preston Vice-President/ Human Resources/ Assistant General Manager						2%
4	Robert F. Erickson Controller/Treasurer						2%
5	Alan L. Unruh Central Office Supervisor						2%
6	Delmar Des Jarlais Outside Plant Supervisor						2%
7	Bonnie J. Krantz Data Processing Technician						2%
8	Rosa E. Tougas Accounting Technician/ Administrative Assistant						2%
9	Beverly Linse Commercial Supervisor						2%
10	Dan D. Dawson Engineer Technician Right-of-Way Agent						2%
11	Totals (Sum L.1 to L.10)						2%

PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

Information required in columns b - f is considered proprietary information. This information is being provided separate from this report.

**Compensation of Top 5 Corporate Employees - SEC Information**

Line No.	Name/Title (a)	Base Salary (b)	Bonuses (c)	Other Compensation (d)	Total Compensation (e)	Total Compensation Last Year (f)	% Increase Total Compensation (g)
1							
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3							
4	This schedule is not applicable to Ronan Telephone Company. Ronan Telephone Company does not file information with the SEC. All wage information requested on this schedule can be found on Schedule 27.						
5							
6	Totals (Sum L.1 to L.5)						

## Montana Composite Statistics

Year: 1998

Line No.	Account No.	Description (a)	Amount (b)
1		<b>Plant (Intrastate Only) (000 Omitted)</b>	
2	2001	Plant in Service	7,283
3	2003 - 2004	Construction Work in Progress	-0-
4	2005	Plant Acquisition Adjustments	-0-
5	2002	Plant Held for Future Use	-0-
6	1220	Materials & Supplies	21
7		(Less):	
8	3100 - 3400	Depreciation & Amortization Reserves	(3,520)
9	4360.2	Contributions in Aid of Construction	-0-
10		<b>NET BOOK COSTS</b>	<b>3,784</b>
11		<b>Revenues &amp; Expenses (Intrastate Only) (000 Omitted)</b>	
12	5000 - 5300	Operating Revenues	3,372
13	6560	Depreciation & Amortization Expenses	420
14		Federal & State Income Taxes	298
15		Other Taxes	182
16		Other Operating Expenses	1,992
17		TOTAL Operating Expenses	2,892
18		Net Operating Income	480
19		Other Income	-0-
20		Other Deductions	-0-
21		<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>480</b>
22		<b>Access Lines in Service (Intrastate Only)</b>	
23		Residential Access Lines	2,448
24		Business Access Lines	852
25		PBX Access Lines	169
26		Other Access Lines	63
27		<b>Total Number of Access Lines</b>	<b>3,532</b>
28		<b>Average Number of Calls Per Access Line</b>	
29		Local Calls	1,400
30		Toll Calls (Intra- or Interstate)	600
31		<b>Total Number of Calls Per Access Line (Total of Line 29 &amp; Line 30)</b>	<b>2,000</b>
32		<b>Other Statistics (Intrastate Only)</b>	
33		Average Residential Monthly Bill	54.45
34		Gross Plant Investment per Access Line	2,062.09

## Depreciation - Montana Intrastate Regulated

Year: 1998

Line No.	Acct No. (a)	Description (b)	Composite Rate % (c)	Total Expense \$ (d)
1	2112	Motor Vehicles	12.5%	26,357
2	2114	Special Purpose Vehicles	20.0%	22,736
3	2115	Garage Work Equipment		-0-
4	2116	Other work Equipment		-0-
5	2121	Buildings	2.5%	5,093
6	2122	Furniture	10.0%	14,040
7	2123.1	Office Support Equipment		-0-
8	2123.2	Company Communications Equipment		-0-
9	2124	General Purpose Computers	20.0%	35,323
10	2211	Analog Electronic Switching Equipment	10.0%	698
11	2212	Digital Electronic Switching Equipment	9.1%	170,355
12	2215	Step By Step Switching Equipment		-0-
13	2215	Crossbar Switching Equipment		-0-
14	2220	Operator System		-0-
15	2231	Radio Systems	10.0%	9,603
16	2232	Circuit DDS		-0-
17	2232	Circuit Digital	10.0%	7,091
18	2232	Circuit Analog	10.0%	15,592
19	2351	Public Telephone Terminating Equipment	10.0%	2,331
20	2362	Other Terminal Equipment	10.0%	541
21	2411	Poles	4.55%	915
22	2421	Aerial Cable Metallic	4.55%	13,909
23	2421	Aerial Cable Nonmetallic		-0-
24	2422	Underground Cable Metallic	4.55%	5,776
25	2422	Underground Cable Nonmetallic		-0-
26	2423	Buried Cable Metallic	4.55%	58,735
27	2423	Buried Cable Nonmetallic	4.55%	12,788
28	2424	Submarine Cable Metallic		-0-
29	2424	Submarine Cable Nonmetallic		-0-
30	2426	Intrabuilding Network Cable Metallic		-0-
31	2426	Intrabuilding Network Cable Nonmetallic		-0-
32	2431	Aerial Wire	12.5%	157
33	2441	Conduit Systems	3.33%	18,204
34				
35		<b>COMPOSITE TOTAL</b>	9.6%	
36				
37	Have these rates been approved by the Commission? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
38				
39	If yes: <u>80.4.8</u> Docket Number <u>4715b</u> Order Number			
40				

Specific rates were not addressed in the above referenced Docket; however revenue, expenses, rate base, etc. were all reviewed and approved in the proceeding.



## Montana Regulatory Capital Structure &amp; Costs

Year: 1998

Line No.	Description (a)	% Cap. Str. (b)	% Cost Rate (c)	Weighted Cost (d)
	<b>Commission Accepted - Most Recent</b>			
1	Docket Number 80.4.8			
2	Order Number 4715b			
3				
4	Common Equity	46.37%	12.6%	5.84%
5	Preferred Stock	-0-	-0-	-0-
6	Long Term Debt	53.63%	9.08%	4.83%
7	Other	-0-	-0-	-0-
8	<b>Total</b>	100%		10.67%
9				
10	<b>Actual at Year End</b>			
11				
12	Common Equity	100%	12.6%	12.6%
13	Preferred Stock	-0-	-0-	-0-
14	Long Term Debt	-0-	-0-	-0-
15	Other	-0-	-0-	-0-
16	<b>Total</b>	100%		12.6%

## Network Access - Charges and Revenues

Year: 1998

Line No.	Description (a)	Access Charges Paid (b)	Access Revenues Received (c)
1	Montana - Total State	-0-	2,568,449
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3	Montana - Intrastate	-0-	1,108,940
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5	Montana - Intrastate Regulated	-0-	1,108,940
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Company Name: Ronan Telephone Company

Year: 1998  
**Affiliate Transactions - Products & Services Provided to Utility**

Line No.	Affiliate Name (a)	Products & Services (b)	Method to Determine Price (c)	Charges to Utility (d)	% Total Affil. Revenues (e)	Charges to MT Utility (f)
1	RTC Answering, LLC	Directory Assistance & Dispatch	Comparison to Non-Affiliated Vendor	22,465	5.9%	22,465
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30	<b>TOTAL</b>			22,465		22,465

Company Name:

Ronan Telephone Company

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**Affiliate Transactions - Products & Services Provided by Utility**

Year: 1998

Line No.	Affiliate Name (a)	Products & Services (b)	Method to Determine Price (c)	Charges to Affiliate (d)	% Total Affil. Revenues (e)	Charges to MT Utility (f)
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30	<b>TOTAL</b>					

No products or services were provided by Ronan Telephone Company to an affiliate.

## Montana Intrastate Regulated Earned Rate of Return

Year: 1998

Line No.	Description Rate Base (a)	This Year (b)	Last Year (c)	Percent Change (d)
1				
2	2001 Plant in Service	7,283,313	6,941,362	
3	2002 Prop. Held for Future Telecommunications Use	-0-	-0-	
4	3100-3200 (Less) Accumulated Depreciation	(3,520,367)	(3,156,928)	
5	<b>Plant in Service</b>	<b>3,762,946</b>	<b>3,784,434</b>	<b>- .6%</b>
6				
7	<b>Additions</b>			
8	1220 Materials & Supplies	20,644	19,606	
9	1280 Prepayments	-0-	-0-	
10	Other Additions (1) Cash Working Capital	168,917	155,224	
11	<b>TOTAL Additions</b>	<b>189,561</b>	<b>174,830</b>	<b>8.4%</b>
12				
13	<b>Deductions</b>			
14	4100 Current Deferred Operating Income Taxes	(27,167)	(27,167)	
15	4320 Unamortized Operating Investment Tax Credits	-0-	-0-	
16	4340 Noncurrent Deferred Operating Income Taxes	693,498	625,937	
17	Customer Advances for Construction	-0-	-0-	
18	Other Deductions	-0-	-0-	
19	<b>TOTAL Deductions</b>	<b>666,331</b>	<b>598,770</b>	<b>11.3%</b>
20	<b>TOTAL Rate Base</b>	<b>3,286,176</b>	<b>3,360,494</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>
21				
22	<b>Net Earnings</b>	<b>479,744</b>	<b>439,436</b>	<b>9.2%</b>
23				
24	<b>Rate of Return on Average Rate Base</b>	<b>14.6%</b>	<b>13.1%</b>	<b>11.5%</b>
25				
26	<b>Rate of Return on Average Equity</b>	<b>11.0%</b>	<b>11.1%</b>	<b>-.9%</b>
27				
28	Major Normalizing Adjustments & Commission			
29	<u>Ratemaking adjustments to Utility Operations</u>			
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43	<b>Adjusted Rate of Return on Average Rate Base</b>	<b>14.6%</b>	<b>13.1%</b>	<b>11.5%</b>
44				
45	<b>Adjusted Rate of Return on Average Equity</b>	<b>11.0%</b>	<b>11.1%</b>	<b>-.9%</b>

(1) As allowed in Commission Order No. 4715b, Docket No. 80.4.8.

**Other Taxes Paid**

Year: 1998

Line No.	Description (a)	Last Year (b)	This Year (c)
1	Montana Telephone Company License Tax	9,523	10,907
2	Montana Public Service Commission Tax	3,106	4,130
3	Montana Consumer Counsel Tax	1,266	1,496
4	911 Emergency Telephone Fee	14,066	19,835
5	Montana Telecommunications Access Service (TDD)	3,717	3,938
6	Montana Corporate License Tax	24,095	37,570
7	Personal Property Tax	29,208	43,659
8	Real Property Tax	4,969	4,790
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12	<b>Total</b>	<b>89,950</b>	<b>126,325</b>

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**Universal Service Funds Received**

Year: 1998

Line No.	Description (a)	Last Year (b)	This Year (c)
13	Funds received from Montana Sources	-0-	-0-
14	Funds received from Federal Sources	-0-	427,434
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24	<b>Total</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>427,434</b>